

FY 2020-21 Budget Amendment Form

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Amount and Source of Funding

Ongoing	One-Time	FTEs	Source of Funds
\$ 1,850,000.00		3.00	APD Budget

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The purpose of this amendment is to establish a permanent office for community safety and violence prevention that is shaped and guided by community-led priorities and strategies. The initial work will be housed within Austin Public Health and the strategic planning process will determine recommendations for its permanent placement and relationship within the City of Austin's organizational structure. Initial work will launch this fiscal year, but the long-term strategy and structure will develop after external technical assistance facilitates a planning process that is inclusive of community voices. The initial strategies may include pilot-programs or demonstration projects, but the strategic planning process will identify recommendations for long-term strategic investments and areas of focus. The office will be responsible for shaping policy and coordination of violence reduction and community safety strategies throughout the city. Funding shall be allocated to allow up to three FTEs within Austin Public Health to guide and launch this work and to fund outside technical assistance to create a strategic plan and long-term strategies for the Office to pursue(\$400,000), the largest portion of funding shall be allocated for immediate implementation of violence reduction strategies. Initial pilot programs should attempt to address gun violence as well as violence and harm that surrounds sex work and affects sex workers, along with other priority areas (\$1,250,000), additionally Council authorizes APH to implement a Safe Gun Storage campaign (\$200,000). More detail is provided in the accompanying memo.